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TAGS: MASS MILI MOPS JO IR MR XF
SUBJ: MAURETANIAN REQUEST FOR MILITA ASSISTANCE FROM IRAN

REF: AMMAN 9165

1. DURING DISCUSSION OF OTHER MATTERS DEC 14, MFA UNDERSECY ZELLI
TOLD CHARGE THAT IRAN HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM MAUR-
ETANIA FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE INCLUDING ARMS AND HELICOPTERS. HE
DID NOT SAY THAT THE REQUEST ALSO INCLUDED TROOPS. ZELLI SAID HE
WAS RAISING THE QUESTION BECAUSE IRAN FELT MAURETANIA WAS VERY FAR RE-

MOVED FROM IRAN'S DIRECT SECURITY INTERESTS AND HE WAS INTERESTED
IN KNOWING WHETHER THE US, WHICH PRESUMABLY WOULD BE MORE
INTERESTED BECAUSE OF ITS WORLDWIDE RESPONSIBILITIES, INTENDED
TO HELP. HE SAID IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT IRAN MIGHT DECIDE TO HELP
IN A MODEST WAY BUT IF IT DID IT WOULD EXPECT THE EQUIPMENT IT
PROVIDED OUT OF ITS OWN INVENTORY TO BE REPLACED AND FOR THE TRANS-
ACTION TO BE FINANCED FROM OTHER THAN IRANIAN RESOURCES.

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2. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE UPDATE OF OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD
MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO MAURETANIA AND GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT
RESPONSE WE SHOULD MAKE TO ZELLI'S INQUIRY.
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